

JOSEPH P. RILEY, JR. MAYOR

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FIRST DAY FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Join the First Day Festival Sunday, August 16, 2009 for a volunteer opportunity filled with fun and information. The First Day Festival is seeking 300 volunteers to help with a variety of activities including kids' games, exhibitors, boat rides, the food court, and much more! The mission of the First Day Festival is to celebrate education by hosting a special day of educational and fun activities for parents and children. In addition, the First Day Festival encourages parents to be involved in their child's education all year long.

The event this year will be held on Sunday, August 16, 2009, from 1:00 to 4:00 at Liberty Square at the SC Aquarium and the Charleston Maritime Center. There are two volunteer shifts available for the day of the Festival: Shift One (8:30AM – 1:00PM) and/or Shift Two (12:00 PM – 4:30 PM). There are also volunteer opportunities available in preparation for the Festival, which includes sorting school supplies and the prefestival set up.

Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. said, "The hard work and dedication of the volunteers are what help to make the First Day Festival a great day. Lending the community your time allows for the success of this wonderful celebration of learning."

The volunteer registration form can be found on the City's website at www.charlestoncity.info/mocyf. The form can be returned by email to mocyfintern@ci.charleston.sc.us or by fax to (843)965-4192.

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